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S.B. No. 120

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prevention of and education concerning the offense of online solicitation of a minor.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 37, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 37.2095 to read as follows:

Sec. 37.2095. EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. (a) The center, in consultation with the attorney general and the commissioner, shall maintain on the center's Internet website a link that enables an Internet user to access free of charge information and educational materials designed to prevent the commission of the offense of online solicitation of a minor under Section 33.021, Penal Code, or any substantially similar offense.

(b) The information and educational materials described by Subsection (a) must be:

(1) appropriate for use in a classroom setting in a public primary or secondary school; and

(2) designed to educate minors concerning ways to avoid becoming a victim or perpetrator of the offense of online solicitation of a minor under Section 33.021, Penal Code, or a substantially similar offense.

(c) The Internet link maintained under Subsection (a) may link the Internet user to information and educational materials that are prepared by the center, the attorney general, another

1 state agency, or a private entity that operates in the computer or
2 computing industry, including an Internet service provider or a
3 computer software provider.

4 SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 37.083, Education Code,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 (a) Each school district shall adopt and implement a
7 discipline management program to be included in the district
8 improvement plan under Section 11.252. The program must provide
9 for:

10 (1) prevention of and education concerning unwanted
11 physical or verbal aggression, sexual harassment, and other forms
12 of bullying in school, on school grounds, and in school vehicles;
13 and

14 (2) prevention of the offense of online solicitation
15 of a minor under Section 33.021, Penal Code, or a substantially
16 similar offense by educating students concerning ways to avoid
17 becoming victims or perpetrators of that offense.

18 SECTION 3. (a) The Texas School Safety Center shall post
19 the Internet link required by Section 37.2095, Education Code, as
20 added by this Act, not later than December 1, 2007.

21 (b) Each school district shall modify its discipline
22 management program to comply with Section 37.083, Education Code,
23 as amended by this Act, as soon as possible after the Texas School
24 Safety Center posts the Internet link required by Section 37.2095,
25 Education Code, as added by this Act, and not later than the first
26 day of the 2008-2009 school year.

27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.